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would be served by holding over this question for some subsequent day. The only thing is, you may reserve this question for the next Assembly.

Sri A. V. NARASIMHA REDDY.—You can hold over the question if the information is not available.

Mr. SPEAKER.—This question does not survive because this Assembly is going to be dissolved. If there is any pressure for holding over this question I do not refuse permission. I will hold over the question and see what can be done in the short time before us.

Representation by the people of Kanakapura Taluk for Extending the Channel of Suvernamukhi Pick-up.

Q.—209. Sri S. KARIAPPA (Virupakshapura).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether any representation has been received from the people of Aralasanra Thamasandra and Thigalarahalli in Kanakapura Taluk for extending the channel of Suvernamukhi Pick-up as far as Kallahalli tank ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

No.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಈ “ವಿಕ್ ಆವ್” ನಾಲೆಯನ್ನು ಕಲ್ಲಹಳ್ಳಿ ಕೆರೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಬಡಾಯಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಅಲ್ಲಿ ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಿರಲಿಲ್ಲವೇ ?

*ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಆ ಸಮಾಚಾರ ಇಲ್ಲ. ತಾವು ಹೇಳುವ ನಾಲೆಯ ಕೆಳಗಿರುವ ಸುಮಾರು 800—900 ಎಕರೆಗೆ ನೀರು ಸಾಕಾದರೆ ಮುಂದೆ ಅದನ್ನು ಬಡಾಯಿಸಬಹುದು. ಈಗ ಒಂದು ನಾಲೆ ಪೂರೈಸಿದೆ, ಇನ್ನೊಂದು ಆಗುತ್ತಿದೆ. ಇನ್ನೂ ಆ ನಾಲೆಯ ಕೆಳಗಿನ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ನೀರು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಲ್ಲ. ಈಗ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ನಾಲೆಯ ಕೆಳಗಿರುವ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ನೀರು ಸಾಕಾಗಿ ಇನ್ನೂ ಉಳಿಯುತ್ತದೆಯೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಸರ್ವೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಮುಂದೆ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಯಿ ಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶವಿದೆಯೆಂದು ಕಂಡು ಬಂದರೆ ನಾಲೆ ಬಡಾಯಿಸುವುದನ್ನು ಪರಿಶೀಲಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಕರಿಯಪ್ಪ.—ಆ ತೊರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎಷ್ಟು ಯೂನಿಟ್ ನೀರು ಸಿಕ್ಕುತ್ತದೆಂದು ಲೆಕ್ಕ ಹಾಕಿದೆಯೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಕೆ. ವೀರಣ್ಣಗೌಡ.—ಹಾಕಿದೆ. ಆದರೆ ಅಕ್ಕುಯಿಲ್ಲಾಗಿ ಈಗ ಒದಗಿಸಬೇಕಾದ ಪ್ರದೇಶಕ್ಕೆ

ಸರಬರಾಯಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಮುಂದಿನದನ್ನು ನಿರ್ಧರಿಸಬೇಕಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

Power for Irrigation Purposes in Malur Taluk.

Q.—276 Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) when the people from Mindahalli, Bheemanahalli, Bellavi, Byranahalli and Chowramanagala, Malur Taluk, Kolar District, applied for power for irrigation purposes ;

(b) the action taken by the Electric Department on the same ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Applications for power supply to Irrigation Pumping sets were received on dates noted :—

Name of village	Date of application
Mindahalli	... 11-7-1955
Bheemanahalli	... No requisition
Bellavi	... 20-5-1954
Byranahalli	... 20-3-1956
Chowramangala	... 28-2-1954

(b) *Mindahalli*.—Estimate is sanctioned. As parties are not ready, work is not taken up.

Bheemanahalli.—Requisitions not yet received.

Bellavi.—Deposits have not been received so far and estimates have therefore not been prepared.

Byranahalli.—13 applications have been received, 9 applicants have paid deposit in full on 10th December 1956 and the other four have not paid the additional deposits. Estimates are therefore not prepared.

Chowramangala.—Estimate is sanctioned. Service is not given for want of completion report and wiring diagram.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—With regard to the Byranahalli, has it come to the notice of the Government that an estimate has since been prepared ?

* **Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.**—Thirteen applications have been received and nine applicants have paid the deposit. Therefore the estimates have not been prepared.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that after notice of this question was given deposits have been made and an estimate has been prepared?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—That is yet to come before the Government.

Representation for Supply of Power for Irrigation Pumps to Villages in Malur Taluk.

Q.—281. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether a representation was made by the people of Tyakal Hobli to the Chief Minister on 29th November 1956 at Tyakal for supply of power for 26 irrigation pumps in Kondichettihalli and round about Villages in Malur Taluk;

(a) if so, the action taken thereon?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Deposits from some more applicants are awaited to take up the investigation and prepare necessary estimates.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the deposits have been made and an estimate has been prepared ever since after the question was put?

***Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.**—I repeat the answer I gave for the other question, Sir. It is yet to come before the Government. It is not yet received by the Government.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Will the Government be pleased to scrutinise the estimate very early and take action, Sir?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—There is no need for me to say yes

because the Government is bound to do it.

Estimate for Electrification of Alurdodi in Malur Taluk.

Q.—283. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether an estimate for Rs. 28,131 is received by the Government for Electrification of Alurdodi in Malur Taluk;

(b) whether the same has been sanctioned;

(c) if so, when action will be taken to supply materials and to work out the scheme?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH. (Minister for Public Works).

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—With regard to this Question, the name of the village is ALAMBADI and not ALURDODI as printed here. Has the Government noted it, Sir?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Perhaps on account of that mistake the answer is given that no representation is received from the village. Perhaps it is a mistake. It was taken as ALURDODI.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is there a village by that name?

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—There is no such village by that name.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Then it may be corrected.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has an estimate been prepared in respect of this, Sir?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—Since the name of the village was wrongly printed, probably no effort was made to get the information about this village. The question may therefore be put again or I must supply that information later on.

Mr. SPEAKER.—The question may be held over in that case.

Supply of Power for Irrigation Purposes.

Q.—301. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the people of Ahanya, Lakkur Hobli, Malur Taluk have applied for supply of power for irrigation purposes ;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) An estimate has been prepared.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know when this estimate was prepared and if so for how much ?

*Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The estimate is prepared for Rs. 23, 306 and the date is not mentioned here.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the reason for the delay in the sanction of the estimate ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It depends upon the completion of the estimate and then arrangements will be made for supply of power. The parties must also be ready to do their part of the work. Therefore, there is a little delay.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the stage at which the estimate is at present ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—That is under scrutiny and it is under submission.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Will the Government be pleased to sanction it very early ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWADH.—I need hardly say that we will do it. The Government is bound to do it.

Multi-purpose Co-operative Societies in Malur Taluk.

Q.—305. H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of M. P. C. S. in Malur Taluk ;

(b) the number of them that are working ;

(c) the steps taken to revive the defunct ones ?

A.—Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK (Minister for Co-operation).—

(a) There are eleven Multipurpose Co-operative Societies in the Taluk. (One of them is the Taluk Multipurpose Co-operative Society).

(b) Of these, two Multipurpose Co-operative Societies are working.

(c) Of the remaining 9 Societies, 3 Societies are proposed to be re-organised as large sized Co-operative Societies and the other six Societies are proposed to be amalgamated with large sized Societies.

The Taluk Multipurpose Co-operative Society is proposed to be converted into a Marketing Co-operative Society.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—May I know the reasons why these societies are not functioning, Sir ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—As the Hon'ble Member knows, there are several reasons for their becoming dormant. In Kolar District, Rural industrialisation scheme was taken up and all attention was rivetted towards the rural industrialisation/co-operative societies. That is one reason as to why these societies became dormant. Again food control was removed later on, and these societies had not much work. That is one reason. Now we have the District Banks and we are trying to give loans through this organisation short term and medium term loans to the agriculturists. So, hereafter, we hope that they will work better.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Are the Government aware that the facility of short term and medium term loan is impeded on account of these societies being dormant in the taluks ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It is just the reverse. It is true they are dormant. But we are trying to revive them.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—What are the steps taken by the Government to revive these societies ?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—We are trying to amalgamate these societies into bigger ones; we are trying to encourage non-officials to come forward to work better. Wherever necessary, we want to put the co-operative inspectors as secretaries so that work may be done much better. All these steps are being taken.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—Has the Government any scheme under contemplation to make the societies work better through non-official co-operation?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—There is no such scheme like that. But it is necessary that non-official gentlemen should come forward and join as directors and as members. They will make their own arrangements. Official agencies will help them and guide them.

Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that the taluk multi-purpose co-operative societies were converted into marketing co-operative societies. May I know when it will take effect?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—It has already been put into action. Out of 80 marketing societies, by the end of March 1957, 16 will be formed. In the next five years, 80 societies will be formed. The scheme has been taken up and the first sixteen societies will be brought into existence by the end of this year, namely, 31st March 1957.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that the Departmental interference is too much in the non-official field and that is the reason why non-officials do not want to come into these societies?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, Order. It is outside the scope of the question. It is too general a question. Let the question be asked as particularly as possible. The question refers to Malur taluk only.

Sri M. PALANIYAPPAN.—The Hon'ble Minister said that non-officials would be taken in as directors and as members of these societies. Is it not a fact that because departmental people interfere too much with these societies, non-officials are refusing to come into these societies?

Sri A. BHEEMAPPA NAIK.—There is no question of taking non-

officials into it. They are there. They are exclusively in it now. Since these societies are dormant for various reasons as I have already said, we are trying to revive them.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question time is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(But not taken up)

Use of Water from the Perennial Riv.ers for Irrigation in South Kanara District.

Q.—20. Sri B. VAIKUNTA BALIGA
(Panemangalore).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of villages situated on the banks of perennial rivers in South Kanara District;

(b) the steps they propose to take to lift this water for further irrigation;

(c) what will be the extent that could be so further cultivated and what would be the yield in respect thereof?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH
(Minister for Public Works).—

(a) About 72.

(b) There are no schemes at present under consideration.

(c) A regular Survey is necessary to assess the extent and yield.

Extension of Gratuity Benefit to the Government Industrial Concerns.

Q.—39. Sri B. NARAYANASWAMY
(Mysore City South).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the Government Industrial Concerns to which the retiring gratuity benefit scheme has been extended;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Board of Management of Industrial

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Concerns recommended extension of such a scheme to all Industrial Concerns ;

(c) (i) whether representations have been received from retired officers and officials of the Government Sandalwood Oil Factory, Mysore, to extend the Gratuity Scheme to them also ; (ii) if so, the action taken in the matter ?

A — Sri C. M. POONACHA (Minister for Industries).—

(a) (1) The Mysore Iron and Steel Works, Bhadravathi.

(2) Government Silk Filature, Kollegal.

(b) Yes.

(c) (i) Yes.

(ii) Government are considering the financial aspects.

Statistics pertaining to murders and their detection in Dharwar District.

Q.—133. Sri A. S. PATIL (Navalgund-Nargund).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of murders committed in each taluk and each petha of Dharwar District since January 1956 to the end of October 1956 ;

(b) of these, (i) the number that were not detected, (ii) the number of cases in which the accused were discharged or acquitted during the above period ;

(c) in how many of these cases charge-sheets were sent up for prosecution during the above period ;

(d) whether they are aware that murders in Dharwar District are on the increase ;

(e) whether they would consider posting efficient officers ?

A.— Sri M. V. RAMA RAO (Minister for Home Affairs and Law).—

S No.	Names of Taluk and Petha in Dharwar District.	(a) No. of Murders committed in each Taluk and each Petha of Dharwar Dist. since January 1956 to the end of October 1956.	(b) Of these, the No. that were		(c) Cases in which Charge Sheets were sent up for prosecution during the period
			not detected	Discharged or acquitted	
			during the period.		
1	Hubli ...	4	...	1	3
2	Navalgund ...	2	2	...	...
3	Ron ...	8	3	...	5
4	Gadag ...	6	1	...	5
5	Dharwar ...	14	1	...	10
6	Kalghatgi ...	5	...	...	4
7	Shiggaon ..	2	...	...	1
8	Ranebennur ...	8	1	...	6
9	Haveri ..	4	...	...	3
10	Hangal ...	2	...	...	2
11	Harekerur ...	3	...	...	2
12	Naragundepetha	3	...	1	3
13	Mudargi Petha ...	1	...	...	1
14	Kundgal Petha ...	3	...	...	2
15	Byadgi Petha ...	1	1	...	...

(d) The incidence of murder is not large.

(e) There appears to be no necessity for this step just at present in view of the replies above. If and

when the necessity for changing the present incumbent becomes apparent, then necessary action will be taken.

Factors taken into Consideration in Preparing the Seniority List in the Reorganised State.

Q.—175 Sri N. HUCHMASTHY GOWDA (Huliyurdurga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the factors that were taken into consideration with regard to integration of service personnel in the reorganised State, while determining the equation of posts ;

(b) the points taken into account while determining the relative seniority as between two persons holding posts declared equivalent to each other and drawn from different States ;

(c) whether they have prepared the Inter-State Seniority List of class I officers of the various departments ;

(d) the data they have collected for the preparation of this list ;

(e) the factors that they propose to take into consideration while preparing this list ;

(f) the proposals of the Chief Secretary of the former Mysore in his memorandum regarding this point ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) The following factors will be taken into consideration in determining the equation of posts ;

(i) the nature and duties of a post ;

(ii) the responsibilities and powers exercised by the Officer holding a post ; the extent of territorial or other charge held or responsibilities discharged ;

(iii) the minimum qualifications, if any, prescribed for recruitment to the post ; and

(iv) the salary of the post.

(b) In determining relative seniority as between two persons holding posts declared equivalent to each other and drawn from different States, the following points will be taken into account ;

(i) Length of continuous service, whether temporary or permanent in a particular grade ; this should exclude periods for which an appointment is

held in a purely stop-gap or fortuitous arrangement ;

(ii) As between two persons with equal service in equivalent posts, seniority will be determined on the basis of age, the older officer being declared senior.

(c) and (d) The data is being collected and list compiled.

(e) *Vide* replies to (a) and (b).

(f) The former Chief Secretary did not present any memorandum on this point.

Total Amount allotted for Works in Kollegal Taluk.

Q.—202. Sri S. C. VIRUPAKSHIAH (Kollegal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the total amount allotted for works in Kollegal Taluk during the Second Five-Year Plan ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

A total provision of Rs. 510-60 lakhs has been made in the Second Five-Year Plan in respect of the areas transferred from the former Madras State to the New Mysore State. Talukwise break-up of the provision is not available.

Construction of a Tank near Uluvinahalu.

Q.—220. Sri V. MASIYAPPA (Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the people of Madenapally and Seshappanahally have been representing to Government for constructing a tank for Irrigation near Uluvinahalu (Becharak) ;

(b) whether it has come to their notice that these villages are situated in a drought area ;

(c) whether any estimate for the same Project has been prepared by the Public Works Department ;

(d) the action taken for sanctioning it ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GCWDH
(Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes.

(d) The estimate is under scrutiny and irrigation enquiry is being arranged for.

Estimate for the Construction of a Pick-up to the Waste-Weir Halla at Kanajanahally.

Q.—221. Sri V. MASIYAPPA
(Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether an estimate for the construction of a pick-up to the waste-weir halla at Kanajanahally has been prepared by the Public Works Department ;

(b) whether it has been sanctioned?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH
(Minister for Public Works).—

(a) Yes.

(b) No.

Supply of Power for I. P. Sets to Hosakere, Kandenahalli and other Villages.

Q.—224. Sri V. MASIYAPPA
(Hiriyur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether the estimate for the supply of power for I.P. sets to Hoskere, Kandenahally, Halagaladdi and Maddihally has been sanctioned ?

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH
(Minister for Public Works).—

No.

Estimate for the Supply of Electricity to the Villages of Arkalgud Taluk.

Q.—233. Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether estimates for the supply of electricity to the following villages of Arkalgud Taluk have been sanctioned, if not at what stage the work is pending ?

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| (i) Anandori village, | } | Ramanathapur Hobli. |
| (ii) Moduranahalli village, | | |
| (iii) Gangodi village | | |
| (iv) Basavanahalli village, | } | Magge Hobli. |
| (v) Budanoor village, | | |
| (vi) Belavadi village, | | |
| (vii) Doddahalli village | } | |
| (viii) Hebbale of Kasaba Hobli, | | |

A.—Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH
(Minister for Public Works).—

(i, ii & iii) No. The estimate is under scrutiny in the department.

(iv) Yes.

(v) No. There is no requisition from the parties yet.

(vi) No. The scheme is under investigation.

(vii) Yes.

(viii) No. The scheme is under investigation.

Reconstitution of the Employment Exchange Offices and their Continuance.

Q.—265. Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL
(Brahmavar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they have taken any steps to reconstitute and continue the Employment Exchange office in view of the fact that the Central Government has delegated that function to the State Government ?

A.—Sri JAGANNATH RAO CHANDRIK (Minister for Excise, Rural Industries and Labour).—

The Employment Exchanges have been taken over from the Government

of India on 1st November 1956 and are continued by the State Government.

Fresh Second Five-Year Plan in respect of the New State of Mysore.

Q.—286. Sri S. S. KOLKEBAIL (Brahmavar).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they have prepared a fresh Second Five-Year Plan and submitted it to the Central Government ;

(b) if not, whether they propose to take steps to prepare a fresh Plan in respect of the New Mysore State ?

A.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) No. The Second Five-Year Plans of the different States, of which certain areas have been ceded to form part of the New Mysore State, had already been approved by the respective Governments and the Planning Commission. Those Plans have now been integrated into the Second Five-Year Plan of the New Mysore State, with an outlay of about Rs. 145 crores.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to clause (a).

THE BOMBAY TENANCY (SUSPENSION OF PROVISIONS AND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1957.

Motion to consider (Contd.)

*Sri S. D. KOTHAVALA (Chikodi).—
Mr. Speaker, Sir, in the course of my speech yesterday, I tried to bring to the notice of the Hon'ble House the principles on which the Congress Party has been working in regard to land reforms. I pointed out, Sir, the policy that has been enunciated from time to time and even in the last election manifesto has been that the land must always go to the tillers and that tillers should be the owners. The question was and is whether the Bombay Tenancy and Agriculturists Land Act as amended in the year 1956,

has carried out and has brought into effect this important principle, and it has been my view that the Bombay Act has not done it. To illustrate what I said, I can point out that the question of ceiling, which is a very important point to illustrate that principle of land to the tiller, is not brought into effect. I said Sir, that if the provisions of section 34 were read with the definition of 'personal cultivation' it would be found that it was open to a landholder to cultivate a very large area, far larger than the so called ceiling area of 48 acres. Therefore, the Act requires overhauling in that respect.

12-30 P.M.

The question of a ceiling limit is very very important. This House will see that if there is to be an equitable distribution of lands amongst the persons who are entitled to possession and ownership of lands, then the question of ceiling is very very important. As this House knows, in the village community there are peasant proprietors, tenants, landless labourers and there are also landlords who are sometimes absentee landlords. As regards peasant proprietors who cultivate their own lands, we need not worry because it has been the policy of the Congress as also of other people in India that peasant proprietorship should be encouraged.

The second point is with respect to tenants. I need not say that the tenant class as such is a small class as compared to the entire population of the village. Most of the tenants are themselves landholders or peasant proprietors and in addition to their own land they cultivate the lands of other persons also. If this Act seeks only to protect the interests of such tenants, then I am one with the object of the Act because the interests of the tenants should be protected. But the question is as to what is to be done with respect to landless labour. As this House knows, the landless labour in villages varies from 40 to 50 per cent of the population of the village. These landless labourers work day in and day out and try to eke out a very poor living. There is no security for their

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life and the life of their family members. We have got to do something for this class of landless labourers. If we do not put a reasonable ceiling limit to land-holding, it will not be possible to make lands available to these landless labourers. So far as the Bombay Act is concerned, very scant consideration has been given to the problem of landless labourers. So it is necessary that a reasonable ceiling limit should be fixed so as to leave sufficient land for distribution amongst the landless labourers.

With respect to the question of ceiling of land-holding, the Second Five-Year Plan says that the ceiling should not exceed three times the economic holding. Economic holding is defined in the Second Plan as a piece of land yielding a gross produce worth Rs. 1,600. Therefore the total ceiling area according to the scheme of the Second Plan should be an area yielding a gross income of Rs. 4,800 and the ceiling should not exceed that limit. There are certain reasonable exceptions recognised by the Second Plan and I need not go into that question here because that question will be considered at the appropriate time when this House will be considering a uniform law for the entire State. Therefore, as the matter stands, the Bombay Act has flouted the provisions of the Second Plan for land reforms. It is possible, as I said in the beginning, that a landholder may hold even 500 acres or sometimes 1,000 acres if he happens to possess them somehow or other. Therefore, the view expressed by some of the Hon'ble Members opposite that the Bombay measure is a very progressive one, is not correct. I hold different views about the scheme of that Act. I expressed those differences to the Bombay Government when the Bill was under consideration and also when the Bill came before the Legislature for consideration.

Now, with respect to the other matter, namely, the transfer of ownership of land to tenants, the question is, are the provisions of the Bombay

Act equitable and do they effectively transfer the ownership of land to tenants? I submit in all humility that the Act does not do so. In the Act itself there are many impediments in the way of the transfer of ownership of land to tenants and so the scheme for transfer of ownership of land to tenants is not a very scientific one. Any one casually going through the provisions of Sections 32 to 32R will find that the question of payment of price by the tenant and receipt of price by the landlord is a matter between the landlord and the tenant. It has been my humble view that this matter should not be left to these two classes only, namely, landlords and tenants, but the matter should be left to a tribunal constituted for the purpose. This idea is incorporated in the scheme contained in the Second Plan. There it is stated that the amount of price should be made payable in 20 instalments and the State Government concerned should pass bonds in favour of the landlords and recover what is called fair rent under the Second Plan from the tenants and pay the same for satisfying the instalments for a period of 20 years or so. The idea of the Second Plan is that both the landlords and the tenants should be benefited and there should be a good relationship between the two classes. But, as the House will find, under the present Act the instalments are made payable by the tenants to the landlords. In case a tenant fails to pay more than four instalments, then the transfer of ownership of the land does not come into effect. I shall read a portion from the Act to illustrate what I said. Section 32M (1) says:

“(1) On the deposit of the price in lumpsum or of the last instalment of such price, the Tribunal shall issue a certificate of purchase in the prescribed form, to the tenant in respect of the land. Such certificate shall be conclusive evidence of purchase. If a tenant fails to pay the lumpsum within the period fixed under clause (ii) of sub-section (1) of Section 32K or is at any time in arrears of four instalments, the purchase shall be